

Dear Scranton Residents:

Together let's help victims of Katrina

Here in Scranton we know first hand the devastation caused by hurricanes. Last September, Hurricane Ivan caused severe flooding and forced hundreds of city residents out of their homes. Just last month we observed the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Diane, which changed the face of our city forever. But the scope of devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina is unlike anything this country has seen before.

Many people have asked me how we can help residents of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. According to Bob Cherundolo, executive director of the Scranton Chapter of the American Red Cross, the best thing we can do right now is give money. Here is how you can donate:

By phone – call **1-800-HELP-NOW**

On the internet, go to the Red Cross website, www.redcross.org and click Donate Now.

By mail – send your donation to:

**American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund
P.O. Box 37243
Washington, DC 20013**

In the coming days, we will be exploring other ways that our community can help the people of the Gulf Coast. Watch this website for updates.

Thank you for your generosity,

Chris Doherty